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Moscow's initial comment on the President's news conference was a broadcast statement that the US "is embarking on the practical fulfillment of the obligations...which it had previously assumed." The Moscow statement goes on to call for more effective guarantees of Cuban security.

TASS has announced that Soviet and Warsaw Pact armed forces have been ordered back to "normal combat preparedness" in place of such special alerts as "total combat preparedness" ordered on 23 October.

There is no reliable recent information on Mikoyan.

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